

Marlboro Township Recreation

Player Code of Conduct

As a player in a Township sponsored program, I endorse the belief that Sportsmanship Counts In Marlboro Athletics. In keeping with the spirit of this belief, I pledge that to the best of my ability, I will:

- Remember, first and foremost I am participating in this sport to have fun.
- Remember that winning does not equate to success in youth sports.
- Remember that disrespectful or disruptive behavior is not acceptable during any and all team activities.
- Treat all practice and game facilities, and the belongings in and at those facilities, with the same respect that I would show to the belongings in my own home.
- Abide by the letter and the spirit of the rules of the game, play fair, listen to my coaches, and accept the rulings of the game officials without complaint.
- Be a good teammate, by avoiding arguments and by offering encouragement to my teammates when they make mistakes.
- Learn from any mistakes I might make during a practice or a game, and avoid pouting or making excuses.
- Conduct myself in accordance with the true spirit and meaning of Good Sportsmanship":
By winning without gloating and losing without complaining; and, by treating my teammates, opponents, coaches, game officials, my parents or guardians and the game itself with respect. I have discussed this Code of Conduct with a parent or guardian and I understand its meaning and what is expected of me as a participant in a Marlboro Township sponsored athletic program. I also understand that any violation of this Code of Conduct is subject to review by appropriate authorities and may result in the loss of my privilege to further participate in this program.

Parent Code of Conduct

As a parent/guardian of a child participating in a Township sponsored program, I endorse the belief that Sportsmanship counts in Marlboro Athletics. In keeping with this Credo, I pledge that to the best of my ability I will:

- Always keep in mind that first and foremost my child participates in this sport to have fun.
- Always do my individual best to bring a sense of civility and sportsmanship to my child's games.
- When referring to any of the players on our team, or to our opponents, that I will speak with the same respect that I know my own child deserves.
- Always keep in mind that my child's coach and the administrators of this program volunteer their time to help my child.
- Always demonstrate to my child, and his/her teammates through my words and actions that winning does not equate to success in youth sports.
- Always delight in what makes my child unique, and not focus on what he/she cannot or did not accomplish on the field of play.
- Always conduct myself in accordance with the true spirit of "Good Sportsmanship". By accepting wins without gloating and accepting losses without complaining; and, by treating my child, his/her teammates, our opponents, game officials, all coaches, program administrators, and the game itself with respect.

I understand that as a parent/guardian of a participant in a Marlboro Township sponsored athletic program, my behavior at all related events (games and practices) must be beyond reproach. I further understand that all instances of unacceptable behavior on my part, as well as any other violation of this code of conduct by me, is subject to review by the appropriate authorities and could result in my losing the privilege of attending further competitions. Serious violations may also run afoul of NJ State law (**P.L.2002, c.74** – Athletic Codes of Conduct), and could result in criminal penalties.

Player Name: _____ Signature: _____

Parent Name: _____ Signature: _____

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